

Appl. No. 10/044,651
Art Unit: 3682

AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Communication dated March 31, 2003, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

Please amend claims 1-8 as set forth in **Attachment B-1**.

A certified copy of the priority application is being mailed concurrently herewith.

The indefiniteness noted by the Examiner has been corrected and the claims have been amended to more clearly define Applicants' invention over the disclosures of the references cited by the Examiner, as set forth more fully in the Remarks in **Attachment B-2**.

Early and favorable reconsideration leading to prompt passage of the case to issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Title: "HYDRAULIC TENSIONER"

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Computation of Additional Fee for Amendment

No Additional Fee is required.
 The Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate fee to the deposit account of the undersigned attorneys, Deposit Account No. 04-1406. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED				*SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
FOR	CLAIMS AFTER AMDT.	CLAIMS PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	Fee	RATE	Fee
EFFECTIVE TOTAL CLAIMS	8	20	0	\$ 9		\$ 18	
IND. CLAIMS	1	3	0	42		84	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS?				140		280	
PETITION FEE FOR EXTENSION				TOTAL		TOTAL	\$

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